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1. A meeting of the Leaders of the Panhellenic Organization of Reserve Officers (Panhellinios Organosis Efethrikon Axiomatikon) was held on 3 August in Piraeus. The meeting was called by a man named Karamanos, president of the organization, who is a reserve officer and an attorney. This organization has a membership of some 20,000 reserve and retired officers throughout Greece.
2. The leaders were assembled following a call by Karamanos stating that a matter of extreme importance and utmost secrecy was to be discussed.
3. At the meeting the president introduced Colonel Constantine Lambropoulos, a retired officer, who said that the time had come for the organization to take a more active part in the present day situation with the object of attacking anarchy whether it be of the Right or Left. Lambropoulos stated that it appeared not wholly improbable that an attempted solution of present day disturbances might be brought about by "peaceful means" involving the formation of a service government by Themistocles Sophoulis who would be surrounded and supported by ostensibly "democratic" personalities of the Center who were really left-wingers. Once these people have secured strategic posts, they would undermine all the conservative policies of the present government regarding rehabilitation and freedom from "Slav pressure". In order to anticipate such a possible situation, it was necessary for the organization to be ready for action. It was unfortunate, Lambropoulos continued, that the organization contained some Left-wingers.
4. Colonel Lambropoulos left the impression that the matter of alerting the members of the organization for possible action was not a matter of purely personal inspiration but the desire and order of "someone else". 25X1A6a

There are indications that King Paul inspired this movement and action. It may be said to parallel in a military way what King George has sought to accomplish by the formation of Markesini's "New Party" in the political field. Markesini has no direct relationship with the present movement. It is difficult

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to determine if certain untraced rumors concerning a possible "coup d'etat" are possibly traceable back to this secret meeting of the Panhellenic Organization of Reserve Officers.)

5. Lambropoulos also stated that he was in a position to procure weapons and arms though it was evident that he did not wish to reveal the source for these arms.
6. The organization decided to follow the recommendations of Lambropoulos and his recommendations were written in duplicate. One copy was sent to King Paul and the other to the Minister of War. The documents revealed the decision of the organization to work and act in support of the national interest, and requested the approval and support of the King and the Minister of War.

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~~_____~~ For some unexplained reason the copy sent the King was not received by him until the tenth of August — 6 days late — which annoyed the King. He sent a messenger to find out why there was such a delay in the delivery of the copy of the organization's resolution to him.)

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